

HUNTING & TRAPPING SEASONS

| FURBEARERS | HUNTING DATES | TRAPPING DATES |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Red & Gray Fox | Oct. 15, 2026 – Feb. 28, 2027 | Oct. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027 |
| Coyote & Striped Skunk | Oct. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027 | Oct. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027 |
| Raccoon & Opossum | Nov. 8, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027 | Nov. 8, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027 |
| Dog Running (Raccoon, Opossum) Chasing season only-no hunting | Feb. 1, 2026 – Oct. 25, 2026 | ----- (no trapping) ----- |
| Beaver | Nov. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027 | Nov. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027 |
| Mink, Muskrat & Long-Tailed Weasel | Nov. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027 | Nov. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027 |
| River Otter | ----- (no hunting) ----- | Nov. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027* |
| Bobcat | ----- (no hunting) ----- | Nov. 8, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027** |

* There is a seasonal bag limit of 2 river otters per person. Season may close earlier if statewide quota of 750 is reached.

** There is a seasonal bag limit of 1 bobcat per person. See the Hunting & Trapping Guide for counties open to bobcat trapping. Season may close earlier if statewide quota of 250 is reached.

| WOODLAND BIG GAME | HUNTING DATES | BAG LIMIT* |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Wild Turkey | | |
| Youth | April 18 & 19, 2026 | |
| Spring | April 22 – May 10, 2026 | 1 bearded or male turkey per hunter in youth/spring season |
| Fall-Archery* | Oct. 1 – Nov. 1, 2026 Dec. 5, 2026 – Jan. 3, 2027 | 1 bird of either sex per hunter each fall |
| Fall-Firearms* | Oct. 21 – Nov. 1, 2026 | |

Turkey hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

* See Hunting and Trapping Guide for counties open to fall turkey hunting. No more than one bird of either sex may be taken in the fall turkey season, regardless of equipment. A separate turkey license is needed for the spring and fall turkey season.

Deer

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| Reduction Zone* | Sept. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027 | |
| Youth | Sept. 26 & 27, 2026 | |
| Archery | Oct. 1, 2026 – Jan. 3, 2027 | |
| Firearms | Nov. 14 – Nov. 29, 2026 | |
| Muzzleloader | Dec. 5 – 20, 2026 | |

Deer hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

*Deer Reduction Zones, previously called Urban Zones, are in designated locations only.

| WOODLAND SMALL GAME | HUNTING DATES | DAILY LIMIT* |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Gray & Fox Squirrel | Aug. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027 | 5 |
| Ruffed Grouse | Suspended | |

| UPLAND GAME | HUNTING DATES | DAILY LIMIT* |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Pheasant (statewide-cock only) | Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2026 | 2 |
| Quail (North of I-74)** | Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2026 | 4 |
| Quail (South of I-74)** | Nov. 1, 2026 – Jan. 10, 2027 | 8 |
| Rabbit | Nov. 1, 2026 – Feb. 28, 2027 | 5 |

| MISCELLANEOUS GAME | HUNTING/TRAPPING DATES | DAILY LIMIT* |
|--|---|--------------|
| Crow | July 1 – Aug. 15, 2026 Dec. 13, 2026 – March 1, 2027 | No limit |
| Green Frog & Bullfrog | June 15, 2026 – April 30, 2027 | 25 |
| Eastern Snapping Turtle, Smooth & Spiny Softshell Turtles | July 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 | 4*** |

* The possession limit on pheasants, quail, rabbits, squirrels, frogs, and turtles is two times the daily bag limit.

** Quail bag limits vary on some DNR properties (see Hunting & Trapping Guide).

***Limit is singly or in aggregate. These species of turtles must have a carapace length of at least 12 inches.

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| MIGRATORY BIRDS | HUNTING DATES | BAG LIMIT |
|-----------------|--|-----------|
| Mourning Dove | Sept. 1 – Oct. 19, 2025 Nov. 1 – 30, 2025 Dec. 20 – 30, 2025 | 15* |
| Snipe | Sept. 1 – Dec. 16, 2025 | 8 |
| Woodcock | Oct. 15 – Nov. 28, 2025 | 3 |
| Sora Rail | Sept. 1 – Nov. 9, 2025 | 25 |
| Early Teal | Sept. 6 – 14, 2025 | 6 |

Migratory bird hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

* The daily bag and possession limits are for mourning doves and white-winged doves in aggregate.

| WATERFOWL | HUNTING DATES | DAILY LIMIT |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| NORTH ZONE | | |
| Ducks, Coots, Mergansers | Oct. 18 – Dec. 7, 2025 Dec. 20 – 28, 2025 | * |
| Canada geese, Light geese, & Brant | Sept. 1 – 10, 2025 Oct. 18 – 26, 2025 Nov. 22, 2025 – Feb. 15, 2026 | ** |
| White-fronted geese | Nov. 22, 2025 – Feb. 15, 2026 | 2*** |
| Youth & Veteran | Oct. 11 – 12, 2025 | Same as regular season**** |
| CENTRAL ZONE | | |
| Ducks, Coots, Mergansers | Nov. 1 – 9, 2025 Nov. 22, 2025 – Jan. 11, 2026 | * |
| Canada geese, Light geese, & Brant | Sept. 1 – 10, 2025 Nov. 1 – 9, 2025 Nov. 22, 2025 – Feb. 15, 2026 | ** |
| White-fronted geese | Nov. 22, 2025 – Feb. 15, 2026 | *** |
| Youth & Veteran | Oct. 25 – 26, 2025 | Same as regular season**** |
| SOUTH ZONE | | |
| Ducks, Coots, Mergansers | Nov. 8 – 9, 2025 Nov. 29, 2025 – Jan. 25, 2026 | * |
| Canada geese, Light geese, & Brant | Sept. 1 – 14, 2025 Nov. 8 – 12, 2025 Nov. 22, 2025 – Feb. 15, 2026 | ** |
| White-fronted geese | Nov. 22, 2025 – Feb. 15, 2026 | 2*** |
| Youth & Veteran | Nov. 1 – 2, 2025 | Same as regular season*** |
| Waterfowl hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. | | |
| * The daily bag limit for coots is 15. The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, which may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. The daily bag limit for ducks is 6, which may include no more than 4 mallards (2 of which may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 3 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 black ducks, 1 mottled duck, and 1 or 2 scaup. The daily bag limit may include only 1 scaup before Nov. 2 in the North Zone, Nov. 28 in the Central Zone, and Dec. 12 in the South Zone. The daily bag limit may include 2 scaup on or after those dates. The possession limit is 3 times the daily bag limit. | | |
| ** The daily bag limit for Canada geese and brant is 5 in the aggregate. The possession limit for Canada geese and brant is 3 times the daily bag limit. The daily bag limit for light geese (snow, blue, Ross) is 20. There is no possession limit for light geese. | | |
| *** The daily bag limit is 2. The possession limit is 6. | | |
| **** For youth and veteran hunting dates, the daily bag for scaup is 1 per day. | | |